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WANTED.

WANTED—TWO FIRST CLASS BOYS. Good pay. No. 5 TODD BLOCK, Berkeley avenue, Berkeley, Va. Chas. Jansale. de25-3t

FAITHFUL PERSONS TO TRAVEL. Salary \$750 and expenses. Absolutely no canvassing. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. COLONIAL COMPANY, Chicago. de25-3t

WANTED—ALL TO KNOW THAT I am prepared to Barbecue Meats of any kind for Weddings, Special Dinners, or other occasions. My cook did the work at the World's Fair. E. COLEMAN, 81 Brewer street. de25-3t

WANTED—MEN TO LEARN BARBER TRADE. Comparatively no expense. Good wages paid after only two months practice at a barber shop. New York or Chicago. Free transportation given to most convenient branch, where we furnish steady practice, instruction, and country diagrams and guarantee positions. Apply by mail to day. MOLER BARBER COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE, 922 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh. de25-3t

WANTED—OFFICE BOY. ADDRESS 1000 N. 10th street, age and experience, P. O. BOX 38, City. de25-3t

WANTED—SEWING MACHINES TO REPAIR. any make. New machines, and up. J. W. BEASLEY, 167 1/2 Church st., N. Y. de25-3t

WANTED—A POSITION BY A LADY as housekeeper in hotel, or public institution. Address L. K. care this office. de25-3t

MAN WITH HORSE AND WAGON wanted to deliver and collect in suburban towns; no canvassing; \$21 per week and expenses; \$10 cash advance. COLLECTOR, Box 78, Philadelphia, Pa. de25-3t

WANTED—YOU TO KNOW THAT the "WESTMORELAND CLUB" is a whiskey to suit gentlemen of superior taste; it is pure, old and mellow, and every bottle contains a full quart. For sale by all first-class hotels and cafes, and by jobbers. ULMAN BROS. & CO., Baltimore. de25-3t

SERVANT WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS DRIVER AND BUTLER. none but an experienced waiter need apply; must be well recommended; for a No. 1 hand write to the publisher of this paper. "HOUSEKEEPER," in care of the Virginian-Pilot office, city. de25-3t

WANTED—POSITION BY EXPERT stenographer and book-keeper. Years of experience; references. RIGBEE, 1000 N. 10th street, N. Y. de25-3t

WANTED—THE LADIES TO KNOW that I have opened a first-class ladies' tailoring establishment at 310 Granby street, corner Charlotte. Fit guaranteed. S. BROWN. de25-3t

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CLAIRVOYANT AND PALMISTRY. The Present and Future can be Foretold. HE GIVES ADVICE ON BUSINESS, SCULPTURE, INVESTMENTS, INSURANCE, POLITICAL INTERESTS, LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, what business you are most adapted to, whether your companions are true or false, what part of your country is lucky for you. He locates mines, tells of your friends and enemies, removes evil influences—everything. The troubled and unfortunate should seek his counsel. Thousands of hearts made glad through his truthful predictions. He is ever ready to assist all. Prof. De Mott, the eminent clairvoyant and palmist, is now in the city. The lame are made to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear. Extraordinary diagnoses. Remarkable cures. All chronic diseases, obscure diseases, catarrhs, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Abcesses, Hemorrhoids and Itching, Burning Cancers and all chronic Skin Diseases, Scalds, Eruptions, Eczema, Psoriasis, Bright's Disease, Kidneys, Bladder Diseases, all Chronic Afflictions. The professor's fees are within the reach of all. Hours 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. Talk right up. Take elevator to Room 30, Monticello Hotel. de25-3t

GLASSES MAKE NICE XMAS PRESENTS. Open nights until Christmas. Broken lenses and bad eyesight repaired at GRUBB, LEVY OPTICAL CO., 7 Granby street. de25-3t

\$98 UPRIGHT PIANO. VERY FINE one; action in splendid condition. This piano was taken in exchange as part payment on one of our PEARLESS STEEL PIANOS. This is a big bargain. Call at once. STIEFF, 66 Granby street. de25-3t

TEAMSHIP 400 TONS CAPACITY to charter or to carry freight; short trips. SEAWORTHY, Box 131, New York. de25-3t

SUITABLE REWARD WILL BE given for information or recovery of my husband, Edward W. Smith, who was supposed to be drowned from the ship "Sam Seed," between Newport News and Lambert's Point, on or about the 17th of this month. He is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, whiskers and mustache slightly gray, three teeth out lower jaw, front, more dark clothes and red Cape Ann boots. Address Mrs. A. V. CAHOON, 20 Sharp street, Berkeley. Phone E. H. Brulett. de25-3t

\$100 REWARD—AS CHAIRMAN of a meeting held by twelve of the leading citizens of Branchville, Va. authorized to give notice to the public that one hundred dollars will be paid to any one who will cause the arrest and conviction of any party or parties who are selling liquors of any kind unlawfully in or around Branchville, Va. For further information, M. C. VICI, Chairman, T. E. PEETE, Secretary, Branchville, Va., December 20th, 1900. de25-3t

THE FIRM HEBETFORE EXISTING under the name of Haenselman & Smith, Civil Engineers, is this day mutually dissolved. All debts due the firm will be paid to Edward W. Smith and all debts due by the firm shall be paid to him. Edward W. Smith can continue the business of civil engineering at the office, 140 Main street. E. W. SMITH, JR., HAENSELMAN, December 8th, 1900. de25-3t

A BEAUTIFUL DOLL WILL BE given to every purchaser of a Christmas tree. The HUME-MINOR CO., oppo. New Granby Theatre, Granby street. de25-3t

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS. DR. H. E. Shelly will furnish Gold Spectacles or Eye Glasses and correctly fit the eye before or after Xmas, guaranteeing satisfaction for twelve months. CHAPMAN & JAKEMAN, corner Main and Bank Sts. de25-3t

CLAIRVOYANT—PALMIST—PROF. GEORGE can tell everything; also teaches. 31 BANK ST. de25-3t

WHITE'S PORTRAIT STUDIO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN A SPECIALTY. THE FINEST WORK AT MODERATE PRICES. J. B. WHITE, 376 Main Street. de25-3t

J. H. FABER'S NEW ART STUDIO. No. 100 Granby street, over Baum's, opposite Monticello Hotel. Fine work only. de25-3t

NORFOLK DYEING, CLEANING and Reparing Co.—Ladies' Suits cleaned; Gents' Suits dyed. Cleaned and pressed, 75c; pants pressed, 10c; carpets a specialty. 61 Main. New phone 201. Old phone, 1055. de25-3t

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS IN PHOTOGRAPHS at Faber's old stand. NEW OPERATOR, corner Church and Main streets. de25-3t

PIANOS TUNED! PIANOS TUNED! We employ two expert factory tuners. Have your piano tuned by skilled workmen. Send postal or phone 1109. Prompt service. Write to our care. STIEFF, 66 Granby St. de25-3t

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LOST.

LOST—SUNDAY, BETWEEN HOLT street bridge and Portsmouth, a Diamond Breast Pin. Reward \$3 AR-LINGTON PLACE. de25-3t

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—BRIGHT, ACTIVE MAN to manage office and business in Norfolk by large wholesale house. Salary \$25 month and extra profits. Must furnish good reference and have \$300 cash. Address MANAGER, P. O. Box 115, Philadelphia, Pa. de25-3t

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—PART OF STORE ON Granby street, between Main and Plum, very desirable. Address R. T. Box 153. de25-3t

FOR RENT—THREE OR FOUR rooms on first floor or three on second floor, with use of bath; all modern improvements. Address H. T. care Virginian-Pilot. de25-3t

FOR RENT—LARGE DOUBLE store on Church street, opposite Holt street extended; can be divided into two stores if necessary; will let either way; rent moderate. Address VACANT. 11 de25-3t

FOR RENT—NICELY FURNISHED rooms, newly papered and painted, electric lights, in central location. Address "OWNER." de25-3t

FOR RENT—NICELY FURNISHED front room, with Southern window. Apply 309 Boush street. de25-3t

BOARDERS.

WANTED—GENTLEMEN TO TAKE large, light front room, furnished, gas and bath; southern exposure; furnished or unfurnished; good board. No. 6 FREEMASON ST., cor. Monticello Avenue. de25-3t

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—IN FACT AT any old price, several hundred National Cash Registers. Some as good as new. Exchange as part payment for Hallwood HALWOOD CASH REGISTER CO., 135 and 127 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. and 171 Main St., Norfolk, Va. de25-3t

FOR SALE—COAL AND WOOD OF all kinds for sale by K. F. GRANT, Old Phone 1023. de25-3t

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, private families, etc. Santa Claus Suits, Beards, Mustaches, Whiskers, Noses, Faces, Ears, etc., for hire. 171 CHURCH ST., near Main. de25-3t

WOOD AND COAL: ALL KINDS delivered in Berkeley, Portsmouth, Norfolk, at lowest market prices; slab board ends specialty; office and yards foot of Mulberry street, Berkeley, S. S. Phone 1451. G. H. FREY. de25-3t

HAVE YOUR FERNERY FILLED AT NEWTON'S FLOWER STORE, 105 Granby Street. de25-3t

LIGHTERAGE OF ALL KINDS DONE on reasonable terms, apply K. F. GRANT, Old Phone 1023. de25-3t

MONEY TO LOAN IN ANY sum, at 5 per cent, with delay; easiest terms. LEO JUDSON, Academy of Music Building. de25-3t

MONEY TO LEND. W. H. SARGEANT, JR., Room 24 Lowenberg Building. de25-3t

CASH paid. Interviews private. Transactions strictly confidential. NORFOLK MORTGAGE LOAN CO., W. H. Hoffmeister, 338 Main street (over 5 and 10c. Store). de25-3t

LADIES' Use Chester's English Pennyroyal Pills. Best! Safest! Only Reliable! Take no other. Buy of your Druggist, or send 5c. stamp, for particulars and bottles. In letter by return mail. Chester Chemical Co., Philad., Pa. de25-3t

FURS! HANDSOME AND FINE Collarets, Scarfs, Muffs, Sets, Trimmings, Heads, Tails, Robes, Hats and Jackets, Men's Fur Gloves and Collars. BEST AND RELIABLE. SYDNEY SHERWOOD & CO. 325 MAIN ST. de25-3t

GIVE FURS! CHILDREN'S. FOR XMAS PRESENTS: Nothing better. We have the largest stock in the city. Silver and Pearl Trimmed Umbrellas, Gloves, Driving and Baby Carriage Robes. WALTER J. SIMMONS & CO., HATTERS AND FURRIERS. Hand-dressed Dolls. de25-3t

Now is your chance to buy a Handsome Dressed Doll at moderate price. A lovely line of Fancy dolls, Children's and Infants' Coats at reduced prices. MRS. A. ADLER, 266 Main St. (up stairs). de25-3t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—ALL persons indebted to, or having claims against the estate of Edward Miller, deceased, will please settle with the undersigned or present their claims to him, at his office, 232 Main street. W. B. BARTON. Administration of the estate of Edward Miller. de25-3t

DO TO I. You don't know half the goods we carry—Pocket Books, Ladies' and Gents'; Falm's Duplicate Whist Sets; Gold Pens and Ivory Pen Holders; Fashion Favorite Playing Cards, all the newest backs; the largest line of Fancy Box Papers in the city, over two hundred styles; Desk Blotter Pads; Handsome Onyx Top Desk Blotter Pads; Silver and Gold Sterling Silver Pen Holders and Sterling Silver Mounted Pencils, 6 in set; Every house should have a paper cutter and a roll of wrapping paper and a ball of twine; just the thing for this season of the year. OLD DOMINION PAPER COMPANY. de25-3t

227 Main St. 227 Main St. Holiday Cigars Havana and Domestic. Packed in boxes of 25 and 50. Hamburger's Cigar & Ticket Office de25-3t

CHRISTMAS IS HERE.

Last Night's Surging Crowds of Horn Blowers Filled Streets.

Tin Horns, Cow Bells, Drums and Other Noise-Creating Devices United to Form a Pandemonium—Everybody was Good Natured and Fun Reigned Supreme.

Last night it seemed as if pandemonium had broken out in Norfolk, especially on Main, Church and Granby streets. The horn blowers of the afternoon were the vanguard of a mighty host that filled the streets at night and surged up and down in a resistless human tide. If one wished to get along the streets he had to get in the human current, crowding along in the desired direction.

It seemed as if three out of every four persons had a horn varying anywhere from a foot to six feet in length, and from base to treble, and those who didn't have horns had drums, cow bells or some other noise-creating device that helped swell the general din. Many of the boys and beardless youths were false mustaches and other maels of all ages were false noses that altered their appearance.

The stores were filled with belated purchasers of Christmas gifts, and the Christmas trade closed in a blaze of glory. It is remarkable how early the Christmas trade opened this year. The stores have been meeting Christmas demands for the past two weeks, while in former years the Christmas rush was only felt a few days before Santa Claus' day.

The little tots in Norfolk's homes will wake up this morning and find that Santa has been very good to them, and their long-cherished wishes will be granted.

Today will be quietly observed, as a rule. Business will be generally suspended, the banks will be closed and the postoffice will observe the usual holiday hours. The Norfolk Clearing House Association gives notice that today (Christmas), being a legal holiday, all paper maturing on this day will be due and payable Wednesday, December 26th.

The churches will, in many instances, have special services appropriate to the day. The homeless will be given a good Christmas dinner at the Union Mission, and even the jail prisoners will know it is Christmas when they sit down before the big turkeys, cranberry sauce and other good things.

MR. R. B. COOKE PROMOTED.

WILL FILL NEWLY CREATED POSITION TRAFFIC MANAGER OF THE N. Y. P. & N.

The host of friends of Mr. R. B. Cooke, one of the most popular railroad men in Virginia, will be pleased to hear that he will get a very handsome Christmas present in his stocking. This is explained by the following Associated Press telegram: "Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company, in this city today, R. B. Cooke was promoted to the newly established position of traffic manager, with enlarged duties. He will be in charge of all matters relating to the passenger and freight business of the company. The appointment is to take effect on January 1st, and Mr. Cooke's office will remain at Norfolk."

CONTRACT LET.

J. H. PIERCE, OF HUNTERSVILLE, WILL BUILD NEW CAR SHEDS.

Yesterday the contract for the erection of the new car sheds of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, at Huntersville, were let to Mr. J. H. Pierce, of Huntersville, for \$10,000. The work of clearing away the debris of the old burned sheds will be begun at once, and a large force of laborers will be employed. The new sheds, which were described in our issue of Saturday, will be a great improvement over the ones destroyed by fire. The job will give employment to a large force of workmen for nearly three months.

Mr. Willis to Move.

Mr. John Willis, Jr., announces that he has closed his furniture store at 122-235 Church street prior to moving into his big new store, at the corner of Main and Church streets. This was formerly the Hotel Norfolk and will be known henceforth as the Eclipse. Mr. Willis will have one of the largest furniture stores in the South and, with the ample space afforded by his mammoth new store, he will be able to show more goods than ever before. His opening in his new quarters will no doubt be a notable event.

N. & P. Transportation Association.

At a meeting of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Transportation Association, held yesterday afternoon, some routine business was transacted and officers were elected as follows for the ensuing year: President, Captain H. M. Osborne, of the Norfolk and Western; Vice-President, Mr. Key Compton, of the Bay Line; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Upshur, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Executive Committee—Mr. Key Compton, of the Bay Line; Mr. R. H. Wright, of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company, and Captain J. W. McCarrick, of the Clyde Line.

Holiday neckwear in a richness of designs and colorings. RUDOLPH & WALLACE, 333 Main St. de25-3t

John Willis, Jr., will close his furniture business today until further notice on account of removal to his new building, The Eclipse, corner of Main and Church streets. de25-3t

C. & O. Route to the West.

Three daily departures from Norfolk, 8:10 a. m., 3:30 p. m., via Richmond; 6 p. m., via Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company and Washington. "Ten days" stopover in Washington is permitted on all first-class tickets. The C. & O. is the shortest and quickest line to all Western points. For lowest rates and general information, call upon the undersigned. F. W. CURD, Passenger Agent, Norfolk, Va. Dec. 12, 16, 18, 22, 25, 30, Jan. 1-31. de25-3t

Silk suspenders mounted with sterling silver buckles. We engrave them free of charge. RUDOLPH & WALLACE, 333 Main St. de25-3t

Floppers.

Members of the City Councils who talked for amendment of Southern Bell Telephone Company's franchise up to time of meeting of Council, November 8th ult., and who voted against it at that meeting:

EDWARD CAMP, T. M. CASHIN, C. H. CONSOLVO, J. FRANK EAST, WM. M. HANNAN, F. JACOBS, E. S. JOYNES, J. O'KEEFE, A. STAHL, A. C. WALKER, R. W. WHITEHURST, F. T. WISE.

TWO SUNDAY FIRES.

FLAMES DID GREAT DAMAGE IN THE BALLENTINE ARCADE MARKET.

Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock fire was discovered in the quarters of Cornick & Cartwright, in the Ballentine Market building, corner of Queen and Church streets. That firm suffered a loss of about \$1,500. A. L. Hyman's clothing stock was damaged about \$1,500 by water. Other losers were J. S. Bell, Jr., & Co., butchers; John Jaiser, butcher; W. D. Whidbee, butcher; I. Gutman & Co., butchers; Geo. Corprew, huckster; Will. Arrington, Standard Dairy Co.; T. M. Williamson, grocer; Geo. Crockett, huckster; C. D. Kenny, teas and coffees.

The total loss will foot up about \$4,000. None of the market people carried any insurance. Mr. Hyman had \$1,000 insurance on his clothing stock. The loss, coupled by the incidental loss of yesterday's anti-Christmas trade, falls heavily on the stallkeepers.

Fireman Bamberger, of chemical engine No. 1, fell from a loft, and Fireman Hatton, of Truck Company No. 1, sustained a bad cut on one hand. Many of the firemen suffered badly from the thick smoke.

A SLIGHT BLAZE.

About 5:45 Sunday afternoon, as a result of a defective flue, fire broke out in the Western Union Telegraph Company's branch office, Front street, Atlantic City ward. No. 4 Engine Company responded and put out the blaze. The damage was slight.

TO GUARD THE CAPES.

A Holland Torpedo Boat to be Put on Guard There.

Other Southern Ports Want Similar Provision For Their Safety—That at the

Capes to Guard Norfolk, Newport News, Richmond, Baltimore and Washington.

At no distant date one of the new Holland submarine torpedo boats will be placed on guard at the Virginia Capes, to remain there on permanent duty. This is the result of provision made by an appropriation by Congress providing for the purchase of six of the Holland boats. Of these one will be sent here, while New York, Boston and Charleston will each have one.

It is believed that this one boat will be later on deemed insufficient for such an important post and that a larger number will be added at this point. The entrance to Chesapeake bay is of special importance, as on its safe-guarding depends the safety of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Newport News, Washington and Baltimore.

There is now before the naval committee of the House a bill introduced by Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, providing for the purchase of twenty more Holland submarine torpedo boats. If this is passed New York will probably get five of the twenty, Galveston two, Newport one, Savannah, Mobile and the mouth of the Mississippi each one. This would leave quite a number to place at the important station at the Capes.

Died in Washington.

The many friends of Mrs. Meta Schilsenger will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred in Washington on Monday, December 24th, at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Schilsenger was the mother of Mrs. R. Ethier, of this city. The remains will be shipped to this city, and the interment will be in Elmwood cemetery Wednesday on the arrival of the Washington steamer.

Christmas Gift.

Yesterday Mr. Peter Wright, representing the Williams interests in Norfolk, distributed checks aggregating \$700 to employees of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, being men employed on the street railways, Ocean View route, electric light and gas systems and the new ice company, as a sign of appreciation for their faithful services.

Rev. S. R. Cohen Convalescent.

The many friends of Dr. S. R. Cohen, of Ohef Shalom Temple, will be pleased to learn that he is convalescent and again occupying his apartments at the Monticello Hotel. He has been laid up for many weeks at the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, but it is expected that he will now soon regain his former good health. He is able to take short carriage rides daily.

Christmas Holiday Rates Via Southern Railway.

For the above occasion, the Southern Railway, will sell tickets from points on its lines of rate of one and one-third first-class fare for the round trip, tickets on sale December 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th, and December 26th and 27th, and January 1st, 1901, final limit January 4th, 1901. In addition to the above dates tickets will be sold students and teachers on presentation of certificates signed by principals of schools December 15th to 21st, final limit January 8th, 1901. Dec. 12-18. de25-3t

John Willis, Jr., will remove his mammoth stock of furniture from 231-235 Church street to The Eclipse building, corner of Main and Church streets. On this account his place will be closed until further notice. de25-3t

INLAND SHIP CANAL.

Possibilities of the Proposed North Carolina Waterway.

It Should Reach Cape Fear—Review of an Article in the New York Tribune Concerning Subject Now Much Talked of.

The Wilmington Star of Saturday contains the following, which will be read with interest by the people of this city and section:

The Richmond Dispatch of a few days ago reviewed editorially an article in the New York Tribune based upon the announcement of the completion of the North Carolina ship canal survey. In view of the fact that the article touches very pointedly upon the project of Wilmington's proposed canal, which was discussed at some length in connection with the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the Star prints the Dispatch's comments upon the subject, as follows: "As defined by the survey, the route is from Norfolk, Va., through the Dismal Swamp canal to Albemarle sound, then through either the Seppernong river or Croatan sound to Pamlico sound, and thence to Beaufort through either Core sound or the Neuse and Newport canal. The opening of this route of navigation would give a more direct passage from Norfolk to Beaufort than that afforded by rail, and much more direct and far safer than the outside water route around Cape Hatteras. It would also tap the Chowan, Roanoke, Tar and Neuse rivers and thus gridiron the entire quarter of the State with waterways.

"Such a system of inland coast navigation, the Tribune continues, could not well be extended much, if any, to the south of Beaufort. Possibly Bogue sound might be improved and utilized to Bogue Inlet, but beyond that point there are no inland coast waters that offer a promise of navigation until the Indian river, in Florida, is reached. True, there are numerous lagoons between Bogue Inlet and Cape Fear river, and the land is low, so that a canal might be constructed, and it would not be impossible to continue it by the way of the Waccamaw and Pedee rivers to Georgetown, and thence by the way of the Wando to Charleston and so on to Savannah.

"Northward from Norfolk, however, there is clearer sailing. The Chesapeake bay affords a superb waterway almost up to the Pennsylvania line, and from the head of this navigable waters it is only a short distance by canal across sand flats to the Delaware river. The latter is navigable by all craft at Philadelphia, and for vessels of considerable size to Bordentown. From the latter city there is a canal navigation to the Raritan, at New Brunswick, and thence, of course, there is a fine inland waterway to New York. From New York there is a cross country waterway by the Hudson river and Erie canal to the system of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence river. There is also the coast and coast, by Long Island sound, to Buzzard's bay, and thence, by the construction of a short canal to Cape Cod bay and Boston.

"Leaving out of the calculation the more difficult problem referred to by the Tribune—extension of the canal south of Beaufort—it will be seen that what but comparatively to the cost and labor a great inland coast waterway, with only two or three points of exposure to the high seas, could be opened between Boston, Mass., and Beaufort, N. C. Such an avenue would, at all times, prove of great advantage to a certain class of coastwise commerce, while in times of war it would be an invaluable to the government in the matter of moving light draft coast defense vessels."

TREACHEROUS HATTERAS ROUTE

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday reprints the article above and adds editorially:

"The treacherous Hatteras route on the outer water way is always dangerous, and especially to the smaller craft engaged in coastwise trade. The peace of mind of this sheltered canal would be an incentive to the coastwise trade. North Carolina would be especially benefited by this waterway, for it extends the whole breadth of the State, and, as pointed out, taps the Chowan, Roanoke, Tar and Neuse rivers, and, if the whole length of canal is ever built, it will tap the Cape Fear, and thus will tend to place a larger river trade in the eastern part of the State. In war time, too, the torpedo boats and smaller war vessels, and, presumably, such a formidable naval machine as the Holland submarine torpedo boat, could utilize the canal to slip from one anchorage to another to surprise a blockading or threatening fleet of the enemy. This waterway touches North Carolina's interests closer than the vast Nicaragua Canal.

Watch Night Service.

This time honored custom, inaugurated in the days of the Wesleys by the Methodists, will be appropriately observed at Epworth church Monday night, December 31st. A special invitation is extended by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith, to all Methodist churches in this city that will not hold a similar service on that night to unite with the Epworth congregation. The exercises will begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock and will be of a devotional character, lasting until midnight.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. de25-3t

In Dry Dock.

The Norwegian fruit steamer Habi arrived at Newport News Saturday from Norfolk, where she completed the discharging of a cargo of fruit, and went up to the dry-dock for repairs.

The Women of Norfolk.

Are our best friends. We make it our business to please the women, for there is nobody who can spread good news like a pleased woman. If it's anything in the way of furniture, carpets, matings, stoves and the like call on Williamson & Sykes, 561 and 563 Church street, before you purchase.

Special privilege to College Students for Holidays by the Seaboard Air Line Railway. They can buy their tickets at greatly reduced rates from December 15th to December 21st, inclusive, which will be good until January 8th, inclusive. de25-3t

OTHER LOCAL ON PAGE 3.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NORFOLK NATIONAL BANK AT NORFOLK, IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 18TH, 1900.

Loans and accounts	\$1,578,721.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	10,953.35
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	400,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	700,000.00
Other Bonds	270,200.00
Banking House	50,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	219,435.05
Due from State Banks and Banks	59,023.04
Due from approved reserve agents	273,256.00
Checks and other cash items	9,317.87
Exchanges for clearing house	22,222.04
Notes of other National Banks	1,450.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	1,469.30
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$ 66,255.00
Equal tender notes	146,125.00
<hr/> Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	212,375.00
<hr/>	20,900.00